

# Conference, Farmers' - 1919.

FARMERS TO MEET IN  
CONFERENCE AT PLATEAU  
Plateau, La., Jan. 29 - The seventh annual session of the Farmers' and Truckers' Conference, under the auspices of the Mobile County Training School, will be held in this city Jan. 29. This conference will bring together farmers, gardeners, laborers, business and professional men and women from ten counties of South Alabama and Mississippi.

## NEGRO FARMERS CONVENE FEB. 3-7 W ORLEANS LA STATES Southern University and A. & M. College To Lead Conference

The fourth annual session of the Colored Farmers' Conference of the State of Louisiana under the supervision of Southern University and A. & M. College, Baton Rouge, La., will meet February 3-7, 1919. The Farmer's Conference is the means the university has of educating the farmers and helping them to get the largest and best results from the soil.

In the conference will be discussed such problems as soil fertility, drainage, stock raising, care of implements, housing conditions and how to meet the after war situation. The conference will be addressed by farm experts such as Dr. W. R. Dodson, head of the Experiment Station, Louisiana State University; Dr. W. R. Perkins, director of extension, Louisiana State University; Prof. E. S. Richardson, head of the junior extension work, Louisiana State University; Col. Harry D. Wilson, commissioner of agriculture, Baton Rouge, La.; Prof. George W. Carver, director of extension, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama; Dr. W. W. Lucas, Meridian, Miss. Invitations have been extended to Superintendent T. H. Harris, Leo M. Favrot and Governor R. G. Pleasant to address the conference.

The first three days of the conference will be devoted to instruction for the local farm demonstration agents. There are a number of these agents employed by the United States Department of Agriculture working under the supervision of Southern University and A. & M. College. The last two days will be the big conference where addresses by prominent citizens will be delivered.

## NEGRO FARMERS MEETING SUCCESS

The Seventh Annual Plateau Farmers and Truckers' Conference, Isaiah J. Whitley, president and founder, was held at the Mobile County Training

School, Plateau, Wednesday, Jan. 29, and was attended by Negro farmers, teachers, ministers and others from six counties and nineteen communities. Departmental meetings were held for farmers, ministers and women workers. The ministers were in charge of Rev. A. F. Owens, dean of Selma university.

Among the white visitors who delivered inspiring addresses were Prof. S. S. Murphy, Superintendent of public schools of Mobile county, and Mr. C. F. Vigor, assistant superintendent; Mr. W. C. Vail, Mobile County Demonstrator; Dr. Surratt, of Mobile; Dr. W. D. Leker, Government Veterinarian; Mr. John Little, Agricultural agent for the Louisville and Nashville railroad and Dr. B. F. Riley of Birmingham.

Among the colored visitors who delivered helpful addresses were N. L. Butler, State Special Agent in Home Economics; S. M. Little, Principal Annie T. Jeanes School, Fairhope, Ala.; B. C. Fonveille, Jeanes Fund Supervisor for Mobile County; Theresa Pratt, Home Economics, Mobile; M. L. Carrington, instructor in Home Economics and Handcraft, Mobile County Training School; C. E. Green, instructor in Agriculture, Mobile County Training School.

Prof. Isaiah J. Whitley, who presided over the conference, and Rev. A. F. Owens of Selma university.

Short addresses were made by the farmers and community workers as follows: R. W. Bettis and J. W. Glover, Plateau; W. M. Carroll, Bay Minette; Ben Dickson and Sam Thomas, Dixon Corner; Henry Simpson, Citronelle, and T. A. Armstead, Chastang, and the Rev. R. W. Whitley of Frankville, Washington County, father of the principal represented his community.

Nineteen communities in the counties of Mobile, Baldwin, Washington, Montgomery, Jefferson and Dallas were represented.

The white visitors, in their addresses complimented Professor Whitley upon his success in bringing together such a large number of farmers and workers and stated that with the scanty means at his command the founder of the conference had accomplished much good for members of his race in south-west Alabama.

The closing session was held at night at the Union Baptist church. Rev. J. F. Keeby, pastor, where other reports were made, addresses delivered and where the closing address to an enthusiastic audience was delivered by Rev. A. F. Owens.

### DECLARATION OF THE CON-

### ERENCE

The committee on declaration of the conference, composed of G. W. Lewis chairman; S. H. Poe, R. W. Whitley, W. M. Carroll and L. B. Bell, reported substantially as follows.

The Plateau Farmers and Truckers' Conference, composed of Negro farmers, truckers, ministers of the gospel and business and professional men in its seventh annual session, representing six counties and nineteen communities, reaffirm its faith in the loyalty, patriotism and enterprising spirit of the race and declared among other things that from the splendid record made by the race in helping to win the war for world democracy, justice and fair play will come to all classes of citizens regardless of race.

The conference believes that the discipline of the Negro soldiers at the various training camps and the splendid record they made on the battlefield of France will result in better citizenship; and that the returning heroes of the race will proudly cherish the record they made and will demonstrate that pride in playing their part as model citizens.

The conference declared further that the reports from the communities represented showed that the colored people had subscribed fifty thousand dollars to the Red Cross fund; forty thousand dollars in Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps; purchased fifteen thousand dollars of Liberty Bonds; twelve thousand dollars contributed to the United War Work campaign and that the women of the communities represented had put up twenty thousand quarts of fruits and vegetables and that the average farmer is out of debt.

The report showed also that eight thousand dollars had been raised in the communities during the year to build schoolhouses and to lengthen school terms. Ten churches had been built or remodeled.

The conference feels that the colored people of the district should be commended for this remarkable record.

The report advised families of the race to plant gardens, cultivate truck farms, grow poultry and live stock and counseled farmers to not depend upon cotton wholly, but to diversify their crops and raise plenty of food-stuffs.

The race was advised to buy homes, settle down and become assets to the community in which they live.

The report closed with an appeal to the white people to assist the colored people in their struggle for the

betterment of their conditions or they who will not get in the swiftest part of the stream now will be left in the the courts, better accommodation by common carriers, better schools, better pay for teachers and an equal chance in the industrial field, and also asked for better treatment of the race as a means to check the tide of emigration from the south.

The report commended Solicitor Bert Chamberlain for his splendid work in breaking up the carrying of concealed weapons.

## NEGRO FARMERS' CONFERENCE

### Speaker Says Men Who Have

### Least Should Dare Most

BY C POST

FEBRUARY 18, 1919  
UTICA INSTITUTE, MISS., February 12.—The twelfth annual Utica Negro Farmers' Conference opened its first session to-day at 8:19 A. M., with a tractor demonstration on the school's farm, adjoining the campus. This demonstration was attended by a large number of farmers from various parts of the State and from other States.

Principal Holtzelaw, president of the conference, delivered an address in which he said, referring to the need for the opening up of idle lands by the negro farmer:

"In order to succeed it is necessary that every farmer should possess courage enough to go into the backwoods as it were, to buy a little land, to cut down the forests, and to establish a home for himself and his family. Thousands of acres of untilled soil, wasting hillsides and overflowing valleys are to be found in various parts of the State, all awaiting the touch of labor combined with capital, to make them spring forth as the green grass in the morning. It is your privilege and your duty to buy up these waste places, and to make the best of them."

"Many a man would start out in business himself but for fear of falling. I have always said and I repeat here, that the negro who has absolutely nothing should be the first to go forward and buy some land and try to pay for it, especially when this land can be bought on a credit, for if it should happen to fail, he would not have far to fall."

"More than twelve years ago in this conference I made my first appeal to you to make the best of country life. Some of us are more fitted for country life than others by nature, it seems, and the great majority of us should stay in the country, for if we lose the opportunity presenting itself now, in my opinion it will be gone forever. The South is entering an era of great progress. While there will be difficulties from time to time, this progress will continue. The man

who will not get in the swiftest part of the stream now will be left in the the courts, better accommodation by common carriers, better schools, better pay for teachers and an equal chance in the industrial field, and also asked for better treatment of the race as a means to check the tide of emigration from the south.

"I was talking with a man the other day and he said that he would buy land and try to have a home, but he feared that the white people would run him out of the country sooner or later and so he always kept himself partly packed up and ready to go. This is the wrong attitude. Every man should settle himself down and should have fortitude and courage to face the present ills and those that may or may not come in the future. I realize that there is considerable uneasiness among you at this time as well as among our white fellow citizens as to what will be the final outcome of the reconstruction period through which we are now passing. It seems to me that there is little or no need of this apprehension. I am convinced that all such apprehensions are born of cowardice, for what is cowardice but the magnifying of evils which may never occur. It is the fear of some white people that the returning negro soldiers will make themselves obnoxious and injurious to the well being of the State. In the same spirit it is feared by some negroes that returning white soldiers will make it impossible for negroes to live in certain sections of the State. I repeat, this fear, in my opinion, is not well founded in either case. The United States Government, in its conduct of the war, if it has done anything at all for the soldiers, white and black, has taught them the value of discipline. It taught them obedience to authority without question. These lessons are valuable far beyond the understanding of the average individual. Those, therefore, who possess any unnatural fear along these lines, show clearly that they do not understand the psychology of humanity under discipline."

Besides, they are greatly in the minority, for overwhelming numbers of both black and white have absolutely no fear of their returning soldiers. Only a few days ago I was in a Delta town where the negroes outnumber the whites twelve to one. In this town there were over a dozen discharged soldiers, looking spic and span in their uniforms, with shining

NEGRO FARMERS MEET  
AT PAYNE COLLEGE  
Cuthbert, Ga., February 20.—(Special.)—The fourth annual session of the Farmers' Conference, under auspices of Payne college, opened here this morning with a tractor demonstration. Farmers from Randolph, Calhoun, Clay, Quitman, Terrell and Stewart counties. Farm products, such as home-cured meat, corn, beans, potatoes, poultry, preserves, pickles, canned fruits and vegetables, fancy and plain needle work, are on exhibition.

Payne college is one of the schools of the African Methodist church in



Georgia, with Bishop J. S. Flipper, of Atlanta, head of the district. Professor A. B. Cooper has been president of the institution for several years. During his administration he organized the conference, with the view of helping his race along practical and useful lines. Many helpful addresses will be delivered by farm experts and leaders of both races. Greater food crops, labor under peace conditions, better rural schools for negroes are the general topics for discussion.

Plantation melodies by the faculty and students will be a special feature of the program.

The conference will continued in session for three days.

# MORE THAN 2000 AT CONFERENCE

of the Birmingham  
NEGRO FARMERS IN SELMA  
DRESSED BY PROMINENT MEN  
OF THE RACE.

2-22-19  
By A. F. Owens  
Selma, Ala., Feb. 18, 1919.

To the Birmingham Reporter.

The second annual Dallas county Negro farmers' and workers' conference met at Selma University Friday morning and was attended by some two thousand farmers, city and county field; Jim Watters, Dublin Beat; Ellis teachers, students of the city colored schools, ministers of the gospel from the city and county, state and county demonstration agents, Jeanes fund supervisors, visitors from the state department of education, state rural workers, representatives of Tuskegee Institute and of counties adjacent to Dallas, and white visitors from the city and from the Selma Chamber of Commerce, the agricultural department at Montgomery, the agricultural department of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, the state council of defense, Dallas county demonstration work, the Selma Times and The Montgomery Advertiser.

The conference opened with nine hundred persons in the chapel of the University. Prayer being offered by T. C. Rhoutt, of Beloit, Ala.

## Prominent Visitors.

Among those occupying seats on the platform were Mr. Morgan Richards, of the Chamber of Commerce, Dr. John A. Davidson, pastor of the White Baptist church; Mrs. J. F. Hooper, state chairman council of defense; Mrs. Victor B. Atkins, chairman city federation, Selma; Mrs. Adele M. De lahay, of Montgomery Advertiser; Mr. I. T. Quinn, assistant clerk, department of agriculture, Montgomery; Mr. Pollard, president of Selma University; William James, agricultural agent, Louisville & Nashville railroad; Mr. J. R. B. Hudson, president of the conference, who was largely responsible for farm demonstration, and Mr. F. T. Raithe

ford, editor and publisher of the Selma Times. They all delivered helpful addresses. Dr. Davidson and Mrs. De lahay speaking afternoon and at night. The main addresses at the morning session were delivered in the chapel by Mr. Morgan Richards, Mr. Quinn and Mr. James. Mrs. Hooper and Mrs. Delahay spoke to the women workers and farmers' wives in the basement of the chapel.

The principal addresses at night were by Dr. Davidson and Mrs. Delahay, delivered to a packed house of more than a thousand persons, many unable to find standing room.

## The Organization.

The Conference was organized one year ago by Prof. R. B. Hudson, who was elected president; Dr. J. A. Martin, pastor Green Street Baptist Church, vice-president; Dr. R. T. Pollard, president of Selma University secretary; Dr. H. E. Archer, president of Payne University, treasurer; T. H. Toodle, county demonstrator; Harry Sims, assistant district agent; Mrs. W. K. Hunter, Dallas county Jeanes Fund Supervisor, and others.

## Farmers Speak and Report.

Among the farmers who spoke were A. L. Washington, Bogue Chitto; L. C. Farley, Beloit; Eli Darden, Summer Pickens, Plantersville; T. J. Keynette Valley Creek; N. L. Ware, of Union Beat and P. R. Thomas of Sardis district.

The report from the eleven beats showed among other things that the aggregate amount of land owned is 17,254 acres; raised last year, 1,761 bales of cotton; produced 87,551 bushels of corn; cured 120,298 pounds of meat; made 15,199 bushels of peas; 45 tons of velvet beans; 14,487 gallons of syrup; owned 5,494 heads of live stock, and invested during the year \$42,370 in Liberty bonds and war savings stamps.

These reports were made by chairman of eleven beats out of thirty-three in the county. It would probably be safe to multiply these aggregates by two.

## At the afternoon session, addresses

were delivered by Clinton J. Calloway of Tuskegee Institute; Mrs. N. L. Butler, who spoke interestingly on sanitation, the importance of sanitary closets, and the destruction of life and health by flies, mosquitoes and house worms; T. H. Toodle, Dallas county demonstration agent, who inoculated a pig with the cholera serum in the presence of the audience; Dr. R. T. Pollard, president of Selma University, who welcomed the visitors; Prof. A. Shoaley, assistant Dallas county demonstration agent, who was largely responsible for the immense gathering of the farmers;

Harry Sims, state district demonstration agent, who also gave out valuable information to farmers from his booth displaying agricultural exhibits; Rev. De Yampert, who thought preachers should own land and thereby teach by example; Dr. L. L. Burwell, who spoke on the disadvantages which the Negro draftees had to overcome; Rev. M. F. Owens, Dr. J. A. Martin and others.

Music was furnished by the trained choir of the Selma University and the Knox Brass band.

On Lapsley street, opposite the Robbins Hardware Company, Selma, school grounds, Mr. R. A. Bearden, of Robbins Hardware Company, Selma, and state distributor of the "Happy Farmer" tractor, gave an exhibition of the way to handle his wonderful plow. The exhibition was informing and delighthearted the farmers.

The following officers were elected: President, R. T. Pollard; vice-president, Dr. H. N. Newsome; secretary, Dr. M. A. Talley; treasurer, T. J. Kyette.

A feature of the meeting was the generous applause of every remark favoring reduction of the cotton crop and the increase production of food and feed.

## HOLD INSTITUTE FOR NEGRO FARMERS

An agricultural institute for colored farmers will take place at Clark University next Tuesday.

In the morning Clark University students will give a demonstration in agriculture. In the afternoon prominent men of the state will deliver addresses as follows: J. Brown, commissioner of agriculture; A. C. Lewis, state entomologist, and J. G. Oliver and R. E. Blackburn, of the staff of the State Agricultural college at Athens, are on the program.

In the evening there will be an illustrated lecture on birds.

All colored farmers in this section are urged to be on hand to hear the state program for 1919. Meals will be served in the university dining room at cost.

## Negro Farmers Close Savannah Conference;

The conference held at the Georgia Industrial College for Colored Youths, closed with complete success. There were negro farmers and visitors present from counties as far north as Fulton and as far south as Dougherty. The subjects discussed were improvement of farms, the farm woman and the improvement of the churches and schools of the farm. It was resolved to raise more food crops and decrease the number of acres planted in cotton. Considerable stress was laid upon raising hogs. There were excellent exhibits of meat by the farmers.

One farmer stated that he had sold more than \$1,000 worth of meat during the past year. This farmer only a few years ago was induced by the Farmers' conference to go into the raising of hogs. Great interest was taken in the placing of farm demonstrators in the various counties. In Laurens county it was told that the farmers had gotten together and raised money to supplement the government's money in order to have a farm demonstrator.

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Mayor Stewart and a number of other prominent white men addressed the conference.

President Wright, in his opening remarks as well as in closing, laid particular stress upon inducing the farmers not only to remain on the farms, and increase farm products, but to purchase land and encourage their children to stick to the farm.

## COLORED FARMERS TO MEET.

The second annual congress of Shelby County colored farmers and teachers will be held at Avery Chapel A. M. E. Church, Friday, March 7. There will be three sessions. The morning session, which begins at 9:30, will be devoted to health, the afternoon session, which begins at 2, will be devoted to agriculture and school improvement, and the night session, which begins at 8, will be inspirational.

The following subjects will be discussed: Food as an Essential to Health; Care of Babies; Tuberculosis—Cause, Prevention and Cure; Influenza; Better Housing a Necessity; Why Not a Lease System for Negro Farmers; Will the Farm Tenants be Benefited by a Reduction in the Cotton Acreage; and, The South's Reward for Negro Loyalty.

All the Shelby County colored schools will close on the above date in order that the teachers, students and patrons may attend this meeting. Farmers are especially urged to be present.

## FARMERS' CONFERENCE

Shelby County, Md., March 10. A Farmers' Conference was held at Sandy Springs on Thursday evening, February 27, 1919. Supervisor Owens presided at the conference.

The speakers were Prof. White Dr. Van Hoesen, of the Maryland Agriculture College and Miss Cow-sill, the county agriculture agent. STATE-BORO HIGH IND. SCHOOL

## HOLD FARMERS' CONFERENCE AND INSTITUTE

On March 21-22, there will be held a two day farmers' conference of Beloit and Beloit at the Statesboro High Ind. School. Some of the most noted agriculturalists and educators will be present to address the meetings, and among these will be Prof. Robert D. Matthy, University of Georgia, Athens; Prof. R. R. Wright, President Georgia State College, Savannah; Mrs. W. G. Hill, Domestic Science Teacher Ga. State College, Savannah, Ga.; Prof. Geo. D. Goodard, Special Rural Supt. of Ga.; Prof. B. J. Carter, Prof. H. H. Carter, director of agriculture, Tuskegee Inst., Tuskegee, Ala.; Prof. N. H. Williams, Supt. of Schools, Candler County; and Prof. H. J. Smith, Supt. of Schools, Scriven County; Mrs. Julia Bryant, Dr. H. Van Buren and Dr. B. W. Livingston of Statesboro.

The following are some of the subjects that will be discussed:

- (1) The Importance of Diversified Farming.
- (2) The Best Method of Increasing the Production of Corn.
- (3) How to Fight the Boll Weevil.
- (4) Rural Education
- (5) How to Plan and Cultivate a School Garden.
- (6) Pig Clubs.
- (7) Co-operation of Teacher and parent.

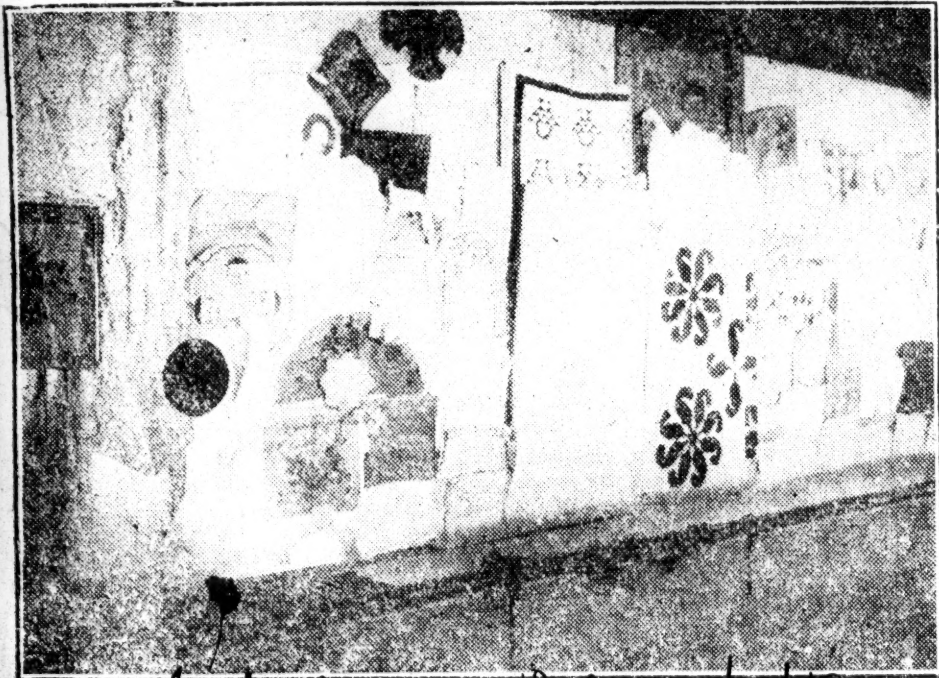
## WASHINGTON D C STAD MARCH 11, 1919 Colored Farmers to Meet.

Notices of a country-wide meeting of colored farmers of Prince George county, to be held in the county court house, Upper Marlboro, Md., on Tuesday at 10 o'clock, have been sent out. The object of the meeting is to form a series of community clubs to be known as "The Prince Georges County Colored Farmers' Conference and Agricultural Fair Association." The purpose of the organization is stated to be the betterment of condition of the colored citizens on the farm, in the home and at school and to encourage exhibits and fairs.

Mr. H. H. Howard, County School Superintendent, and Mr. J. A. McCowan, County Commissioner.



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MRS. H. C. WILSON'S QUILT - FIRST PRIZE AT FARMERS' MEETING



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PRIZE FRUITS SHOWN AT THE FARMERS' CONVENTION



# Conference, Farmers' - 1919.

Burke County Negro Farmers' children, and the information and enthusiasm they had obtained for their farm work.

The officers of our Farmers' Club and Conference are: Rev. S. P. Campbell, president, Midville; Rev. J. H. Lane, secretary, Munnerlyn, and Mr. Peter Weaver, treasurer, Waynesboro. All praise to these officers and their executive committee for being responsible for the high day at the school for Burke county farmers and teachers.

## NEGRO FARMERS HOLD MEETING

**Fifth Annual Conference Held at Odd Fellows Hall in This City**

The principal, who is the writer, opened the meeting. After brief preliminary remarks, he presented the president of the conference, Rev. S. P. Campbell, one of the wealthiest Negro farmers of the county, who delivered the opening address.

Some of the subjects discussed during the session were:

"Better Farming and Readjustments"; "Pigs, Peanuts and Potatoes"; "Reducing the Acreage of Cotton."

Prof. S. J. Willoughby, farm demonstrator for the Tenth Congressional District, was present and led the topics. Prof. E. J. Williams, State Director of Farm Demonstrators, spoke to the farmers, his subject being, "Pigs, Peanuts and Potatoes." Mrs. Addie C. Montgomery, one of the county teachers, read a paper, "The School and the Home." Mrs. N. A. Sumner, the Jeanes Fund Supervisor for the county, discussed, "Boys' and Girls' Clubs."

During the afternoon session Dr. C. T. Walker delivered an address to the farmers. Standing room was at a premium when the good doctor spoke.

The High School chorus rendered very acceptable music, which is under the charge of Miss Johnny M. Hankerson, director, and Mrs. Hattie Goodwin, pianist. Every teacher threw wide her school room during the day, in order to have the patrons and friends to inspect the work. A most handsome display was exhibited from the literary and industrial departments.

The day passed as the most busy one we have ever had at the school, but we feel richly paid for the farmers and friends were very loud in praise of the work as being done at their county high school by their

Kaffir corn—Henry Blair Jr., first roll prize, \$1.

Sugar Cane—E. L. Wadley, first prize, \$1.50; J. H. Smith, second prize, \$1; Ike Page, third prize, 50c.

Melons—Henry Joyner, first prize, \$1.50; Alzee Hicks, second prize, \$1; Elzee Hicks, third prize, 50c.

Cotton—Green Springfield, first prize, \$1.50; John Rollens, second prize, \$1; J. H. Smith, third prize, 50c.

Carpentry—Elvis Traylor, \$1.50.

Pop Corn—Elvis Traylor, \$1.50.

Pepper—Elvis Traylor, \$1.50.

Wheat—Zach Powell, first prize, \$1.50.

Maize—Ike Page, first prize, \$1.50; J. H. Smith, second prize, \$1.

Soudan—J. H. Smith, \$1.50.

Quilts—Mrs James Ashton, first prize, \$1.50; Mrs. E. Joyner, second prize, \$1; Mrs. James Ashton, third prize, 50c.

Art Needle Work—Edna Schultz, first prize, \$1.50; Mrs. I. M. Traylor, second prize, \$1; Mrs. E. Joyner, third prize, 50c.

Plain Sewing—Mrs. L. H. Pearson, first prize \$1.50.

Preserves—Nannie Rogers, first prize, \$1.50; Mrs. O. Ashton, second prize, \$1; Mrs. I. M. Traylor, third prize, 50c.

Canned Fruits and Vegetables—Mrs. Brown, first prize, \$1.50; Mrs. L. H. Pearson, second prize, \$1; Mrs. Martin third prize, 50c.

Fresh Peaches—Ike Page, first prize, \$1.50; Ike Page, second prize \$1.00.

Pickled Cucumbers—Mrs. J. H. Smith, first prize, \$1.50; Mrs. J. H. Smith, second prize, \$1.

Total amount paid in prizes, \$48.00.

The county was thoroughly organized. A chairman and secretary were appointed for every precinct in the county. They were empowered to call meetings and organize, select such other officers as they see fit. They are as follows:

Chatfield, H. Joyner, chairman; J. H. Smith, secretary.

Samarla, Kerens; J. L. Herren, chairman; H. Mangrum, secretary.

Kerens, Wallace Holland, chairman; A. H. Hedgespeth, secretary.

Round Prairie, E. V. Williams, chairman; J. S. McGriff, secretary.

Princeton, Ike Page, chairman; James Ingram, secretary.

Powell, G. Springfield, chairman; J. S. Gray, secretary.

Rice, James Ashton, chairman; Wallace Rosberry, secretary.

Emhouse, Will Sandford, chairman; West Hawkins, secretary.

Cheneyboro, Rev. H. Blair, Jr., chairman; J. W. Riles, secretary.

Winkler, Thomas Washington, chairman; Jim Wilson, secretary.

Eureka, John Dixon and Henry Foreman.

Pelham, Wm. Porter, and Prof. I. J. Douglas.

Dawson, J. W. Robinson and J. G. Hopkins.

Frost, W. A. Schultz and Henry Harper.

Richland, Rev. Jessum and Lela Car-

Blooming Grove-Dresden, Oscar Williams and Longa Nelson.

Babylon-Purdon, Allie Carroll and Tom Watson.

Hester Grove, Rev. H. Montgomery and St Jimmerson.

Antioch, Melton Wilson and George Henderson.

Smith Chapel, Jules Hudson and W. P. Johnson.

Birdston, G. W. Ewen and A. Gipson.

The following officers were elected: Henderson Herron, president; James Ashton, vice-president; R. M. Pearson, secretary; J. H. Smith, assistant secretary; G. Springfield, treasurer; G. W. Jackson, conference captain; M. A. Traylor, assistant conference captain.

If the organization as adopted is vigorously pushed another year the next session should eclipse by far all previous sessions.

R. M. PEARSON, Reporter.

## KENTUCKY

Bowling Green, Ky., Nov. 28.—J. E. King Kendall, agent for agriculture and home economics for this county had his annual farmers' meeting Monday, Nov. 10, at State Street Baptist church. More than 1,100 farmers and their families heard Col. Roscoe Conkling Simmons Monday evening in the large auditorium of the church. Prof. Cregar from the state experiment station was also present. The display of farm products was by far the greatest in the history of the work. Col. Simmons was at his best and for two hours or more held the vast throng speechless only on the occasion of applause. This meeting of Warren county Colored farmers was certainly a huge success. Also the students of the domestic science class of the city schools had quite a display of their work. Mr. Kuykendall was ably assisted in this work by W. G. Edwards and L. B. Brown. A large number of prizes were awarded. Col. Simmons while in the city was a guest of his friend, C. E. Loving and family.

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Earlington, Ky., Nov. 28.—Farmers' conference was held Nov. 12 and 13 at Madisonville, Ky., public school. There was a large crowd to witness the exhibits both days. The conference brought many educators from the adjoining counties. Among them were Prof. E. Poston of Hopkinsville and several excellent addresses were made. Farm products and canned fruits and poultry were brought in abundance. Your reporter did not attend and failed to ascertain the prize winners. Prof. C. L. Timberlake, principal and founder, was very much encouraged over the results of the conference. \* The C. M. E. conference was held at Madisonville on Nov. 6 to 9 and was largely attended. Three thousand dollars was subscribed for, it was said. The grand feature of the conference was the excellent program Thursday night by the Epworth league.

## Inconceivable

visions in the Federal Revenue demonstrate, but the members of the Joint Tax Committee of the Senate and Assembly, which has been sitting at Albany, are believed to be so prejudiced in favor of a fundamentally sound taxation system that no measure taxing cherry bounce, claret phosphate, champagne mist, and a "horse neck" will have serious consideration. They may lose a big revenue to levy on these fluids but on the Joint Committee are their ways and not disposed to antagonize the soda fountain trust.

The task of collecting a tax or soft drinks can easily be imagined. The official charged with such duty would need a force second only to the State militia in numbers. An entirely new jurisprudence would grow up while the Legislature was enacting soft-drink tax laws and passing amendments thereto. The State would have to have experts to rule at just what degree of liquidation a melting sherbet becomes a non-intoxicating drink and ceases to be solid food. Such rulings would be carried to the Court of Appeals, of course, and after a referee had reported on the facts the court would hand down the rule of law which would stand unquestioned until it became necessary to have an interpretation of the rule of law, and the judicial mills would grind again slowly and extensively.

Eugene M. Travis, State Controller whose monographs on taxation problems are esteemed by scientific tax reformers because he deals with the practical problems of collecting tax and knows the wiles of tax dodgers electrified the Joint Tax Commission by formally proposing the enactment into law of a tax on non-intoxicating beverages. Mr. Travis is broad minded. It can be said of him that just because some tax measures are fundamentally sound and permit a fairly exact and economical method of collection he is not necessarily exclusively pledged to such measures.

He is also a candidate for the Republican nomination in 1920 and subsequent years, and undoubtedly vision an official State bureau recruited to collect a tax on non-intoxicating beverages as a mobilization camp into which unnumbered party leaders could be gathered, all inspired to advance the aspirations of the head.



# FARMERS' WEEK AT KANSAS

## EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE

### Men and Women of the Soil Exchange

#### Ideas and Compete for Prizes.

11-21-1914

(By MATTIE A. PERKINS)

A large delegation attended the thirteenth annual conference of the Sunflower Agricultural Association, November 11 to 13, at the Kansas Educational and Industrial Institute. This was the best meeting of its kind ever held in Kansas. A great number of Kansas' wealthy and prosperous farmers were present.

At each session various subjects were discussed relative to the management of farms, farm life and its profits. These discussions were interesting, instructive and uplifting.

Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, Mr. H. J. Corwine, mayor of Topeka, delivered a welcome to the visitors. Mr. J. G. Groves, potato king, Edwardsville, also delivered an address in which he earnestly urged the men of his race to buy farms and stay on them.

The unveiling of the portrait of the late Charles Groves, son of the Potato King, took place Wednesday



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evening at 8 o'clock. Young Groves was a graduate of the Kansas State Agricultural college at Manhattan, and a former leader among the black race.

Splendid programs were rendered at each session. Other addresses were made by the following: Mr. J. R. Rodgers, of Ottawa, one of the state's most successful farmers; Editor William A. Bettis, of the

Wichita Protest; Hon. Elisha Scott; Hon. Jas. H. Guy; Mrs. Emma Gaines; Dr. M. L. Ross, Dr. T. P. Martin; Mrs. C. C. Bailey and Mrs. Boliver Watkins. Excellent music was furnished by students of the Institute. Instrumental solo by Miss Cora L. Boulder. Miss Marjorie Kelly sweetly sang several selections. Clarinet solo, Mr. Geo. Thornton. Interesting remarks were made by the Principal of the Kansas Educational and Industrial Institute, Geo. R. Bridgeforth. The school has in training a large class in agriculture. These were introduced to the Conference Thursday morning by the Principal.

The physical culture exhibition with Miss Kelley, teacher, and the military exhibition and the drills by the small boys, under the leadership of Mr. Anderson were especially good and very interesting. The following new officers were installed Thursday morning by Mr. J. G. Groves:

J. R. Rogers, president.  
J. C. Carson, first vice-president.  
Mrs. M. G. Bolin, second vice-president.  
Mr. D. Wash, third vice-president.  
Mr. J. G. Groves, treasurer.  
Mr. Arthur Emery, secretary.  
Mr. W. M. Foster, chairman executive committee.  
Mrs. R. P. Brown, member of executive committee.

G. R. Bridgeforth, director of Sunflower Agricultural Association. The executive committee met Wednesday morning and drew up the following resolutions:

"We, the members of the State Sunflower Agricultural Association, assembled in its tenth annual session wish to advise the Negro farmers of Kansas:

—To buy land, diversify your crops, stop retiring and moving to town. Stay on your farm, die there, and be buried with the people who know and love you. The Sunflower Agricultural Association is willing to aid in this direction.

2—We call attention to the many young farmers leaving the country for town during the winter season's work. We advise, if you have labored hard, as you must have done, that you take your winter in attending the Farmers' School or Short Courses, taking a little time for improvement. The Negro boys and girls, men and women, should be given a chance for recreation in winter schools and short courses for improvement in their general education.

4—We oppose any effort on the

part of anyone to attempt to drag the good name of Kansas into the category of a few neighboring states whose citizens seem to have taken the law into their own hands.

5—We urge upon the Negroes to use the extension workers sent out by the State and Federal governments to help them solve their farm and home problems.

6—We would urge the Negroes everywhere to go to school, and not only finish the grade school, but enter trade and professional schools and graduate, to the end of following some useful trade or profession which will add to our usefulness as citizens in this country.

7—We urge the colored women and girls to organize themselves into clubs for personal and home improvements.

8—We would urge the organization of an employment office, to assist colored men and women in securing employment as soon as they reach cities, towns, or country.

9—We strongly urge the improvement of health conditions among the race, the grasping of the present industrial opportunity, the continuance of a good race relation, and improvement of educational conditions.

10—We the Sunflower Agricultural Association stands for 100 per cent. Americanism and to this end recommend that all farmers remain at their post.

J. G. GROVES, Wyandotte County.

J. C. ROGERS, Franklin County.  
Wm. FOSTER, Osage County.

The Industrial exhibit was the best in the history of the Association. The spacious gymnasium was beautifully decked with huge vegetables, canned fruits, culinary art, poultry, dressmaking, machinery and domestic art. The skilled persons and students who prepared articles for this wonderful exhibit, deserves great credit.

Principal Geo. R. Bridgeforth and faculty of the Kansas Educational and Industrial Institute royally and elaborately entertained their guests during their stay. Bounteous, palatable meals were served in the large dining room in the girls' dormitory.

The following prizes were awarded:

First Premium—Mrs. H. C. Wilson  
Sofa Pillow—Best dyed goods.  
Grape Jelly—Blackberry Preserves—Yellow canned Tomatoes—Tomato Catsup—Dried Corn—Kraut—Most complete exhibit canned goods—Most complete exhibit dried goods.

Second—Mrs. H. C. Wilson.  
Cotton Quilt—Corn Bread—Quince Preserves—Mangols—Sliced green Tomatoes—Pickled Onions—Cider Vinegar—Canned Hominy—Cotton Rugs.

Third—Mrs. H. C. Wilson  
Canned Blackberries—Canned Apples—Sliced green Tomatoes—Sweet pickled Peas.

First—Mrs. Richard Cunningham.  
Barred Plymouth Rock Chickens—

Pear Preserves—Green Apples—Yellow Sweet Potatoes.

Second: Tomato Preserves—First—Mr. M. G. Bolin

Canned Pumpkin—Third: Straw White Turnips—Red Onions—Cow berry Preserves—Canned Straw Peas—Second: Red Sweet Potatoes—Pickled Beets.

First—Mrs. Chas. C. Lytle.

Quince Preserves—Canned Straw berries—One yearling Heifer—Second: Best exhibit of Vegetables—

Third: Wyandotte Red Chickens.

First—Mrs. George Hicks

Dark fruit Cake—Canned Hominy—Ripe Pears—Cider Vinegar—Canned Cherries—Grape Juice—Apple

Juice—Second: Old White Rock Chickens—Apple Jelly, Plum Jelly

—Plum Preserves—Canned Blackberries—Apple butter—Canned

Greens—Yellow Popcorn—Green Apples—Third: Tomato Preserves

Pickled Peaches—Mixed Pickles—

Most complete exhibit canned goods

—Best canned Minced Meat—Sor

ghum.

First—Mrs. Freeman.

Eggs preserved in water glass—Irene Taylor, Mrs. Mercomes, New

Watermelon rind preserves—Red canned Tomatoes—Canned green

beans—Canned Pumpkin—Beet

Pickles, Second: Young White Rock Chickens—Strawberry Pre

serves—Canned Strawberries—Yellow canned Tomatoes—Pickled

Pears—Minced Meat, Third: Young White Rock Chickens—Canned

Peaches—Canned Pears—Canned Greens.

First—Miller Bridgeforth.

White Leghorn Chickens.

First—Mrs. Mims.

One Cotton Quilt—Silk Quilt—Plum Jelly—Quince Jelly—Irish

Gobbler Potatoes. Second: Black

Walnuts.

First—Mrs. Larry Shaw.

Corn Bread—Rolls—Light Bread—3 layer Cake—Cookies—Minced

Meat Pie—Canned Peaches—Chow Chow—Pickled Pears—Pickled

Peaches—Mixed Pickles—Pickled Onions—Watermelon rind Pickles.

Second: Canned Cherries. Third:

Mangoes.

First—Mrs. Anna Todd.

Round Cake—Plain Cake. Second: Rolls—Loaf Bread—Cookies—Pumpkin Pie—Apple Pie

First—Mrs. Harvey Washington.

Minced Meat—Second: Canned

Plums—Third: Green Beans.

First—Mrs. Abbott.

Canned Apples—Sliced Tomatoes—Canned Plums—Canned Corn—

Second: Pear Preserves—Canned Pears—Canned Red Tomatoes—

Canned Green Beans—Chow Chow—Pickled Peaches—Pickled Beets—

Third: Apple Jelly.

First—Mrs. W. T. Turner

Yellow Sweet Potatoes—Popcorn—Squaw Corn—Walnuts—White Deat

Corn—Third: White Sweet Potatoes—Red Sweet Potatoes.

First—Mr. H. C. Wilson

Pumpkins—Crushaw Squash—Hubbard Squash—Second: Crooked

Neck Squash—Irish Potatoes—

Peas.

First—Mr. David Childs

White Sweet Potatoes—Red Sweet Potatoes—Second: Pumpkins—

First—Mrs. Alice Smith

Canned Greens—Second: Yellow Dent Corn—Third: Yellow canned

Tomatoes.

First—Miss Edna Vance

Canned Peas—Second: Canned Peaches—Third—Canned Tomatoes

First—Miss Ella Cowan.

Mangoes.

First—Mrs. Laura Belcher.

Canned Blackberries.

First Club Prizes.

Canned Blackberries, Ladies Literary and Art Club—Second: Elder

Blossom Club—Third: Dumas Art Club.

First—Mr. Lytle.

Yearling Heifers.

Judges.

Mrs. Ridley, Mrs. Bailey, Miss Irene Taylor, Mrs. Mercomes, New

York, and Mrs. McAllister, of Frankfort, spared neither time nor pains

to render fair and impartial decisions.